



March 18, 2005
37 North Lake Circle
Manning, SC 29102

Public Service Commission of South Carolina
Attn: Docketing Department
Post Office Drawer 11649
Columbia, SC 29211

RE: Docket No. 2005-13-W/S

To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing in reference to the above docket

We have owned our house in Wyboo since the summer of 1998. We spend no more than two months here each year, yet we pay the same utility bill that year round residents pay. In fact, in 2004, we paid Wyboo Utilities over \$460 and were not able to come down here during the entire year due to illness. Now the company is seeking permission for a very high increase. Surely, there is a serious question concerning the equity in this type of billing.

At our residence in the Albany, NY area, our water is metered and reflects actual usage. By comparison, our cost for sewage and water for the full year of 2004 was \$226.37

Another concern associated with expensive utility costs is the effect it has on individuals considering relocating their permanent residence to South Carolina and/or prospective buyers, particularly retirees, who are frequently on fixed incomes. Since we are each in that financial position, we are well aware of the impact of the differences in the cost of living in different areas.

We request that you consider a utility structure that is fair and reasonable to all residents. Thank you for your consideration of our position

Sincerely,

Marion E. Huxley *Carol A. Gillespie*

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